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In re application of:

NICHOLAS L. ABBOTT, et al.

Application No.: 09/637,844

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION OF
MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS USING
LIQUID CRYSTALS

Examiner: Celsa, Bennett

Art Unit: 1645

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction Requirement and Election of Species mailed on February 20, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an election of a restricted group with traversal. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 66-89 and 109-113 are pending in the present application.

Election of Inventions

The Examiner has restricted the pending claims into Groups I and II. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I for prosecution in the present application. The election is made without traverse.